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22nd January 1868.*

No. 448. Read the following Circular from the Secretary to the Government of India, Public Works Department, (Military Works,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, in the Public Works Department, dated Fort William, 17th December 1867, No. 115:—

I am directed to forward, for information and guidance, the accompanying copy of a communication from the Government of India, in the Military Department, No. 39, dated 2nd instant, and of its enclosure, specifying the measures that should be adopted for the purification of barracks of Native Troops whenever vacated on account of cholera or other infectious diseases, and to intimate that the cost of such measures of purification when ordered should be defrayed by the State.

From the Sanitary Commissioner for Bengal, to the Officiating Deputy Secretary to Government of India, Military Department, dated 18th October 1867, No. 696.

1. With reference to the papers received with your docket No. 313, dated the 14th instant, regarding the purification of the barrack of the men of the 7th Regiment, Native Infantry, at Allahabad, which had been vacated on account of cholera, I have the honor to state that, in my opinion, every hut or building in which a case of the disease occurs, or which, there is reason to suspect, may have been contaminated by cholera discharges, should at once be fumigated with sulphurous acid (the fumes of burning sulphur), the floor to the depth of 6 inches should be dug up, the old earth buried, and fresh earth placed in it; the inside of the roof should be washed over with a solution of McDougall's powder or other disinfectant, and the walls smeared with fresh mud (leech). The last named process will, I believe, be more efficacious, and at the same time more economical than white-washing. Where the floor is not earthen, but of brick or other permanent construction, it should not be dug up, but washed with some disinfectant in the same manner as the ceiling.

2. It will be observed that I do not consider it necessary that the whole of the buildings occupied by the troops should be subjected to the process of disinfection, but only those individual huts or barracks which appear likely to retain the germs of the disease.

No. 39, dated 2nd December 1867.

Endorsed by Milly. Dept.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Public Works Department for information, with reference to No. 1,090 M, dated 7th October 1867, and

Enclosure returned.

with an intimation that the Government of

India, in this Department, concurs in the opinion expressed by the Sanitary Commissioner.

No. 449. ORDER THEREON, 22nd January 1868, No. 232.

MILITARY WORKS, No. 21.

Communicated to the Military Department and to the Superintending Engineers.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) CHARLES A. ORR, Colonel, R. E.,
Secretary to Government.

To the Military Department.

„ Superintending Engineers.

To Captain Kennedy.

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

11-10-1868

CIRCULAR No. 115 PUBLIC WORKS.
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
MILITARY WORKS.

To *The Secretary to Govt. of Madras
in the Public Works Department.*

FORT WILLIAM, DECEMBER 17, 1867.

SIR,

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... to estimate that the cost of such purification when ordered should be defrayed by the State.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Signed) C. H. DICKENS, Colonel, R. A.,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

N. W. ...
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